

REMARKS

Claims 1, 44-47, and 53-57 were withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer or disclaimer. Claims 2-39 were cancelled.

This amendment is filed to properly represent the changes in claims 40 and 48 from previously filed amendments as requested by the examiner in the Office Communication mailed August 1, 2003 and to correct additional minor errors. As kindly explained by Examiner Helms in our telephone conversation of August 21, 2003, the previous amendments to this application were treated as entered amendments. Claims 40-43, 48-52 and 58-59 are now pending in this application.

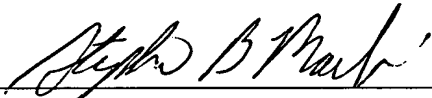

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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